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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): MATOBA, Narihiro
TERADA, Kazuto; TAMURA, Masashi

For: IMAGE PROCESSING UNIT AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD WITH
SIMPLIFIED EXPOSURE, GAIN AND WHITE BALANCE CONTROL

Enclosed are:

X A specification consisting of 35 pages

X 16 sheet(s) of Formal drawings

X An assignment of the invention

X Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

X Executed Declaration X Original Photocopy

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37
CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27

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X Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP Section 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Art Unit</u>
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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. Application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or the application. See MPEP Section 724.

Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. Section 122 and 37 CFR Section 1.14.

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	10-176418	06/23/98

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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